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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR STATE VISIT BY KING PHUMIPHON

1. PRINCE THAWISAN LADAWAN, KING'S PERSONAL PRIVATE SECRETARY, CALLED ON ME FEB 24 TO CONVEY THE KING'S RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT FORD FOR HIS MAJESTY TO VISIT THE US DURING THIS YEAR. THAWISAN FIRST ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO PRESIDENT FORD HIS MAJESTY'S DEEP APPRECIATION OF THIS INVITATION SINCE IT REFLECTS THE STATE OF THE FRIENDSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. THE KING, HOWEVER, VERY MUCH REGRETTED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO DECLINE THE INVITATION THIS YEAR FOR TWO REASONS. THE FIRST IS THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH. HE HAS HAD A LONG ILLNESS FROM WHICH HE IS JUST BEGINNING TO RECUPERATE. IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE HE IS FULLY RECOVERED SO AS TO BE IN SHAPE FOR A LONG TRIP OF THIS KIND. SECONDLY, HIS MAJESTY IS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE GENERAL SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AS WELL AS THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN THAILAND. FOR THESE REASONS, THE KING DOES NOT DEEM IT WISE FOR HIM TO ACCEPT PRESIDENT FORD'S INVITATION TO MAKE A VISIT TO THE U.S. DURING 1975.
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